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" What's that, then ? " Fritz asked.

" Mussels/" the girl answered.

" There are  
heaps of them at the foot of the  
promontory.

Look at those boiling in the saucepan  
now! "

" Congratulations ! " said Frank. "

And you  
owe us congratulations, too, Jenny, for  
we have  
not come back empty-handed. Here are  
some

eggs — "

" Hen's eggs ? " Bob exclaimed eagerly.

" No ; turtles<sup>1</sup>," Frank replied.

" Turtles' eggs ? " Jenny repeated. "

Did you  
find turtles ? "

" A regiment of them/' the  
boatswain told  
her ; " and there are lots more ; there  
are enough  
to last us all the time we shall be at  
anchor in  
the bay."

" Before we leave this bay," Captain  
Gould put  
in, " I think we ought to reconnoitre  
along the  
coast\* or climb to the top of the cliff,"

" We'll try it, captain," John Block  
answered.

" But don't let's be in a greater  
hurry than we  
need be, since it is possible to exist  
here without  
touching what we have left of the  
biscuit."

" That's what I think,  
Block."

" What we want, captain," Frank  
went on,  
"is that you should have a rest to

allow your  
wound to heal, and you to  
get back your  
strength, A week or two is nothing  
to spend  
Here\* When you are on your feet  
again you will